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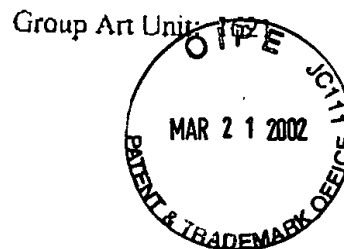
In re Application of:

R. BRUCE DOAK, et al.

Serial No.: 09/887,777

Filed: June 22, 2001

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
NITRIDE SEMICONDUCTOR SURFACES



**PETITION TO PROSECUTE PATENT APPLICATION IN  
THE ABSENCE OF A MISSING INVENTOR**

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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents to proceed with the prosecution of the above-identified application in the absence of a signed declaration of co-inventor Christopher T. Burns.

Mr. Burns' whereabouts were not determined despite the diligent efforts of other co-inventors as set forth in their accompanying "Joint Inventors Declaration Re Nonsigning Inventor." Mr. Burns had moved his residence since the filing of the provisional application from which this application claims priority. He could not be found at his last known address despite diligent efforts.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.47, then, it is requested that the application be accepted for further prosecution in Mr. Burns absence.

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